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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REDISTRICTING-McHENRY COUNTY

Hearing held on April 9, 2021, at the
hour of 10:00 a.m., conducted by Chairwoman
Lisa Hernandez, via Zoom Teleconferencing.

- ATTENDEES:
- LEADER TIM BUTLER
 - REPRESENTATIVE SUZANNE NESS
 - REPRESENTATIVE THERESA MAH
 - REPRESENTATIVE STEVE REICK
 - REPRESENTATIVE RYAN SPAIN
 - REPRESENTATIVE AVERY BOURNE

1 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, we are live.

2 So my name is State Representative Lisa
3 Hernandez. I am one of the members of the
4 Redistricting Committee and I will be chairing
5 today's hearing.

6 I've lost count on how many hearings. I
7 believe it's about number 16 and so -- and there's
8 more to come.

9 So we will begin. I would like to first
10 start by acknowledging some of our members. We
11 have our local State Representative Suzanne Ness,
12 who has joined us. And I see we also have been
13 joined by Representative Theresa Mah.

14 I will ask Leader Butler if he would like
15 to acknowledge some of his members as well.

16 LEADER BUTLER: Sure. We have
17 Representative Steve Reick on here from
18 McHenry County. We've got Representative Ryan
19 Spain from Peoria. Representative Avery Bourne
20 from Morrisonville. And myself, Tim Butler, I am
21 the State Representative from -- I live in
22 Springfield. So great to be here.

23 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Leader.

24 So let me just sort of lay out how we are

1 going to do this. I am going to say a statement,
2 I am going to pass it over to Leader Butler if he
3 would like to say a few words, and then we will
4 follow by a small -- or a short presentation from
5 staff, and then we will go to testimony from
6 witnesses.

7 So let me begin by thanking everyone who
8 has chosen to participate in today's hearing.
9 Your insight and participation is as important as
10 ever as we begin the redistricting process under
11 unprecedented circumstances.

12 The United States and Illinois
13 constitutions require the General Assembly to
14 redraw political boundaries every 10 years to
15 account for population shifts. These hearings are
16 part of that process.

17 House Democrats are dedicated to
18 transparency and public participation in the
19 redistricting process.

20 While state law requires a minimum of
21 four public hearings throughout the state, our
22 Committee intends to hold far more and present
23 additional avenues for public participation.

24 Our goal is to hear from as many people

1 as possible and to gain as much information as
2 possible about the diverse communities of our
3 state.

4 Our staff have been making many, many
5 phone calls to encourage participation in these
6 upcoming hearings. Those who wish to participate
7 should be given an opportunity.

8 We are holding a series of virtual and
9 in-person hearings throughout the state. Early
10 last month we announced a schedule of 23 hearings
11 before proposing a redistricting plan. For
12 comparison, in 2011, the House Redistricting
13 Committee held 17 hearings in total.

14 While we are guided in this endeavor by
15 the United States Constitution, the Federal Voting
16 Rights Act, the Illinois Constitution, and the
17 Illinois Voting Rights Act, we are also interested
18 in any relevant demographic information such as
19 social, political, economic, religious, or any
20 other characteristics that are unique to your
21 community. We want to hear your specific views on
22 any social, political, economic, or religious
23 interests commonly held in the community, any
24 specific interest groups that exist, any concerns

1 you have regarding the current boundaries or,
2 alternatively, what works well about the current
3 boundaries, and suggestions for the drawing of new
4 boundaries.

5 In short, we want to hear any testimony
6 that is relevant to the drawing of our new
7 political boundaries.

8 This year for the first time Illinois
9 residents will be able to participate in the
10 process from the comfort of their own homes,
11 including through remote participation in these
12 hearings and by drawing their own maps via
13 website, and they can do that through the public
14 drawing portal available at
15 ilhousedem.com/redistricting, this will allow any
16 Illinois resident to draw districts and share
17 those maps with the Committee for consideration.

18 The public may also submit written
19 testimony or other public comment to the Committee
20 by e-mail at redistrictingcommittee@hds.ilga.gov.

21 All written testimony, public comments,
22 and maps submitted to the Committee will be made
23 publicly available at ilga.gov and
24 ilhousedem.com/redistricting. Transcripts of the

1 Committee's hearings will also be uploaded to
2 those sites.

3 As for today, we will begin with a short
4 slide show presentation. Following that brief
5 presentation we have a number of witnesses who
6 have indicated a desire to testify.

7 If you have any written testimony
8 prepared, we would ask that you submit the
9 testimony to us and just briefly summarize it in
10 your oral presentation.

11 Leader Butler, do you have any further
12 words? Comment?

13 LEADER BUTLER: No, I'm good to go for our
14 16th hearing.

15 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: All right. Let me
16 see -- okay, so we will next go to the short
17 video, and let me see who's -- staff, you can --
18 you can begin.

19 MR. REINHARDT: Hi, everyone, my name is
20 Darrin Reinhardt. D-A-R-R-I-N R-E-I-N-H-A-R-D-T.
21 I am an employee with the Illinois House of
22 Representatives and I am here to give a brief
23 overview of the state's redistricting procedure.

24 I will briefly discuss the background of

1 redistricting and the redistricting process in
2 Illinois, and I will also be going over federal
3 and state redistricting requirements and
4 guidelines. Finally, we will be looking at what
5 preliminary data reveals about population trends
6 in the state and region.

7 Redistricting is the process that ensures
8 all Illinois residents are afforded equal
9 representation in the state legislature and
10 federal congress as guaranteed by the
11 United States Constitution.

12 The U.S. Supreme Court through a series
13 of rulings in the 1960s had congressional and
14 state legislative districts in each state must be
15 of approximately equal population, establishing
16 the principal of one person/one vote. As a
17 result, states redraw their congressional and
18 state districts every 10 years to apply changes in
19 population.

20 The timeline for drawing the legislative
21 map is based off Illinois constitution. The
22 constitution gives the Illinois legislature the
23 initial responsibility of passing the new
24 legislative map. Both the state House and the

1 state Senate must pass a plan which then must be
2 signed by the governor.

3 If a new map does not go into effect by
4 the constitutional deadline of June 30th, the
5 responsibility for creating a new map passes
6 through legislature to the Legislative
7 Redistricting Commission.

8 The Commission will consist of eight
9 members, with two each appointed by legislative
10 leaders and no more than four from the same
11 political party. A majority of five or more
12 Commission members will constitute the approval of
13 a final map.

14 However, if the Commission does not agree
15 to a map by September 1st, the Illinois Supreme
16 Court will submit two names, one from each party,
17 to the Illinois Secretary of State, will then
18 choose one name at random to serve as the ninth
19 member of the Commission. Five to nine members of
20 the Commission must agree to a plan no later than
21 October 5th.

22 To understand the process of creating new
23 districts, we must look at some legal guiding
24 principals.

1 First among these is equal population.
2 Congressional districts must be nearly equal in
3 population, while state districts must be
4 substantially equal in population.

5 Federal and state law also requires that
6 all districts be contiguous, which means that all
7 parts of a district must be next to each other
8 unless connected by water.

9 Annexations in unincorporated areas,
10 municipalities, and counties sometimes meet and
11 the communities are discontinuous. However,
12 congressional and state districts must be adjacent
13 or connected at all points.

14 A more difficult requirement to define is
15 compactness. There are at least 30 different
16 scientific ways to measure how compact a district
17 is, but no statute or court precedent identifies
18 standard criteria of compactness.

19 In theory, compactness focuses on the
20 shape of a district's boundaries, how spread out a
21 district is from a central core over the
22 district's population center of gravity is.

23 In practice, compactness is hindered by
24 geography and often beyond realities. So often,

1 interpretation of compactness requires more than a
2 visual test.

3 Illinois is one of the 14 states that
4 nests House districts, also called Representative
5 districts, inside one of its Senate districts,
6 also called legislative districts.

7 Map makers will look where possible to
8 follow existing political and geographical
9 boundaries in ways that maximize communities up to
10 and need to have its interest represented.

11 As you know, however, county,
12 municipality, township, and national geographic
13 boundaries are not always compact or contiguous.

14 By setting population data and holding
15 public hearings like this, to listen to the
16 thoughts of residents across the state, law makers
17 look to identify what are known as communities of
18 interest.

19 A community of interest is a group of
20 people concentrated in a geographic area where
21 socially, culturally, ethnically, economically,
22 religiously, or otherwise alike, can be joined in
23 a district to most effectively have their voices
24 heard.

1 The factors contributing to any
2 particular community of interest will vary
3 throughout the state.

4 Federal law requires plans with respect
5 to minority representation. The principals of the
6 Federal Voting Rights Act are in place for event
7 reduction of opportunities for minority population
8 to participate equally in the electoral process.
9 However, districts cannot be drawn solely on the
10 basis of race.

11 Illinois also protects representation of
12 racial and language minority groups. The Illinois
13 Voting Rights Act helps prevent minority
14 fracturing or dividing or concentration of
15 minorities among two or more districts, promoting
16 map makers to consider creating crossover
17 districts, coalition districts, or influence
18 districts.

19 A crossover district is when and which
20 large minority groups can elect a candidate of
21 their choice with the help of minority group -- of
22 the majority group.

23 A coalition district brings together
24 multiple racial or language minority groups

1 together to elect a candidate of their choice.

2 An influence district allows a group to
3 influence an election outcome without being the
4 majority population in a district.

5 These state law requirements come into
6 play only after compliance with federal law and
7 U.S. and state constitutional requirements on
8 redistricting.

9 In addition, the law ensures transparency
10 and helps participation by requiring hearings
11 across the state, one of which we are having here
12 right now.

13 At the end of the presentation we will
14 display an e-mail address on the screen, that
15 Chair Hernandez already provided, where you can
16 submit your ideas. The Committee is also
17 accepting written testimony today.

18 Now that we've covered the redistricting
19 process, let us discuss what the data shows by
20 Illinois population.

21 The U.S. Census Bureau has delayed the
22 release of much of the decennial census data by
23 more than six months until this fall. However,
24 the U.S. Census Bureau's annual population

1 estimate shows some trends that can help in form
2 the work ahead.

3 The census 2019 population estimates show
4 an overall decline in state population over the
5 past decade. There are, however, areas that are
6 projected to have population gains. Communities
7 with the largest population by percentage increase
8 since 2010 are Kendall, Monroe, Champaign, and
9 Kane counties.

10 Demographically speaking, the state's
11 white population is projected to decline, while
12 the African-American population statewide will
13 likely see a smaller decline. The Hispanic and
14 Asian population across Illinois are projected to
15 see growth.

16 Locally, McHenry County is projected to
17 see a modest decrease in population. The county's
18 white population stands to decline, while
19 African-American, Asian, and Hispanic population
20 will likely increase.

21 Thank you so much for your attention and
22 for coming out to share your thoughts today.

23 As the Chair mentioned, you will be able
24 to find testimony from this and other hearings at

1 on ilga.gov and on ilhousedem.com/redistricting.
2 The redistricting website also offers additional
3 ways to engage with the process, including our
4 public drawing portal where you can draw and
5 submit your own district plans.

6 You can send further written testimony
7 and suggestions to the Committee at anytime by
8 e-mailing redistrictingcommittee@hds.ilga.gov.

9 Thank you so much.

10 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Darrin, for
11 that presentation.

12 So next we have actually two panels of --
13 and the total of witnesses within those two panels
14 is, wait a minute, nine or 10. Give me a second.

15 So, Leader Butler, I am going to defer to
16 you how you wish -- would you like to ask
17 questions after each panel or would you like to
18 just wait until the end?

19 LEADER BUTLER: Is it two panels five apiece,
20 is that what it is, 10 total?

21 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Let me see. Two, four,
22 six. Yes. So it's six in the first panel and
23 four in the second panel.

24 LEADER BUTLER: Yes, let's do questions after

1 each panel, that'd be great.

2 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, sounds good.

3 So the first panel will start with
4 Mr. Gary Glover. Please forgive me if I butcher
5 your name. I am going to try my hardest not to.
6 Michael Buehler from McHenry County Board.
7 Michael Vijuk, District 1 Representative, McHenry
8 County Board. We have Kelli Wegener from
9 county -- a county board member. Kristina Zahorik
10 from McHenry County, downstate central
11 committeewoman. And Dr. Gabbard from -- president
12 of McHenry County College.

13 We will start with Gary and follow in the
14 order. What I am going to ask witnesses, please,
15 this is for the sake of the court recorder, please
16 spell your name out before you start. I know your
17 name is on the screen but sometimes it cuts off
18 and the court reporter doesn't have the full name.
19 So, please, if you would be kind enough to allow
20 us the spelling of your name.

21 So, Mr. Glover, would you like to start?

22 MR. GLOVER: Sure. And it's Greg, by the way,
23 Gregory Glover. G-L-O-V-E-R.

24 I did have a few slides to share. Is

1 that okay to do?

2 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: That's fine, yes. I'm
3 okay with that.

4 Are you okay with that, Leader Butler?

5 MR. GLOVER: I will start. So thank you for
6 the opportunity to share these thoughts. I just
7 have a very few handful of slides, so it shouldn't
8 take too long.

9 What I'm proposing is based on the
10 current issue that many municipalities are on a
11 split across two or even three districts. So the
12 goal would to be try and align those where it's
13 feasible. Obviously, you've got, you know,
14 communities that bounce around all over the place,
15 so it's not always going to be totally, you know,
16 possible to do that.

17 I think there's two electives. One is,
18 it give the communities a better chance to really
19 know their representatives. I think too often
20 people don't have a clue of who their
21 representative is, especially on the House side,
22 you know, including it in a single sort of entity
23 I think is at least a better shot at that and,
24 secondly, it gives the representative a better

1 chance to understand, you know, their constituents
2 as a group within a community setting. Our
3 districts are often thrown just all over the
4 place. So I would think this might give us a
5 better chance, anyway.

6 So here's basically the focus area that
7 I'm looking at based out of Crystal Lake and then
8 the surrounding districts, in particular this is
9 the area that I more wanted to focus on.

10 So right now we've got -- by the way, the
11 voter counts are based on the age of voters as of
12 the 2010 census data. So in particular,
13 Crystal Lake, Crystal Lake is shared across three
14 different districts, 64, 52, 66. Lake in the
15 Hills, Algonquin, Carpentersville, Dundee, are all
16 equally shared between two or three different
17 districts, the same thing with Elgin and with
18 Huntley.

19 So what I'm proposing is that we try to
20 consolidate these as much as possible.

21 So basically, this is what I am proposing
22 is between 64 and 66, we add the Crystal Lake
23 precincts into 66. So that's this green stuff up
24 here. Also, 66 would add precincts for

1 Carpentersville, Algonquin, Lake in the Hills, and
2 you see that down here on the right, and these
3 numbers are an approximation for the number of
4 people, that is based on the 2020 registered
5 voters.

6 And then down in between 65 and 43, I am
7 proposing that 43 include to the west, you know,
8 Elgin has certainly expanded. So that's what this
9 would accomplish.

10 So in a nutshell, what you are looking at
11 is this proposal. Now, obviously, I've got the
12 (indiscernible) up here in the net number of
13 voters that would be impacted.

14 Fifty-two certainly drops significantly
15 and that's because of all these people around
16 here, Lake in the Hills, Carpentersville, Dundee
17 areas, and so, of course, this could be re-looked
18 at.

19 But I think this would help accomplish
20 the overall goal of trying to look at the age as a
21 single entity within the house districts.

22 I've got precinct level details of all of
23 this, that I don't need to share, unless you
24 really want to look at it, but I do have -- oh,

1 wait, I forgot, there's more.

2 So to the west, Huntley and areas in the
3 Grafton Township, I am proposing that we add to
4 65. So 66 loses all that, that goes away, and it
5 gets added to (Indiscernible.)

6 So this is the entire picture.

7 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. And you have
8 submitted all your information, Mr. Glover?

9 MR. GLOVER: I'm sorry?

10 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Have you submitted all
11 your information?

12 MR. GLOVER: I will do so.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Wonderful. Okay, thank
14 you.

15 MR. GLOVER: So this is just state level
16 numbers, right, that backs up all the stuff that I
17 JUST showed. You don't need to look through all
18 this. If staff wants to go over it, you can. I'd
19 certainly be happy to share it.

20 Any questions or comment?

21 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. What we are
22 going to do is, we will save them until after the
23 panel break.

24 Does that conclude your presentation

1 then?

2 MR. GLOVER: It is.

3 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

4 We will move on to our next witness,
5 which is Mr. Buehler. Mr. Buehler?

6 MS. BOUGH: Good morning. This is Kathie
7 Bough, I work in Chairman Buehler's office.

8 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 MS. BOUGH: It's B-O-U-G-H.

10 And I am going to read a letter on behalf
11 of him.

12 "Dear Members of House Redistricting
13 Committee. My name is Mike Buehler and I serve as
14 County Board Chairman for McHenry County. I
15 appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the
16 House redistricting that will affect all residents
17 of our county.

18 As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has
19 presented all of us with unprecedented challenges
20 in protecting the health and livelihood of our
21 citizens. However, these challenges are not
22 limited to those areas.

23 In the case of the decennial census and
24 the delayed results thereof, it is unclear how the

1 counties are to meet the deadline and requirements
2 pertaining to redistricting.

3 Since the United States Census Bureau is
4 not making data available until September 30th,
5 there is no way for counties to accurately
6 reapportion with the deadline of July 1st.

7 Currently, county board chairmen are
8 required by statute to present the reapportionment
9 plans to county boards for approval by the third
10 Wednesday of May after the results of the
11 decennial census is received.

12 Unless the U.S. Census Bureau delivers
13 information prior to September 30th, county
14 leaders will not be able to meet their statutory
15 requirement to ensure equal representation among
16 all districts.

17 Clearly, the General Assembly needs to
18 enact legislation to all their current statutory
19 deadlines for approval of reapportionment maps to
20 align with the delivery of U.S. census data.

21 Another major problem with the delay in
22 this decennial data is that it makes it nearly
23 impossible for potential candidates who wish to be
24 on the ballot for the 2022 primary election to

1 know which district they would need to file in.

2 Currently, candidates can begin
3 circulating petitions to be placed on the ballot
4 in mid-September, which is before data will even
5 be available for reapportionment.

6 I would encourage the Committee to
7 consider whether or not we can move forward with
8 the March 2022 primary elections based on the
9 absence of census data.

10 In addition, I would respectfully request
11 consideration to allow for independent maps versus
12 fair maps. This would facilitate the desire of
13 many to take the politics out of creating the new
14 maps by removing those from the process who have a
15 vested interest in the outcome of reapportionment.

16 Also, in McHenry County, some of our
17 municipalities have multiple senators,
18 representatives, and congressmen all within the
19 same municipality. I feel this creates confusion
20 on the part of the voter and does not support
21 continuity within the communities. Boundaries of
22 districts should have clear and transparent
23 delineations to avoid these types of situations.

24 Finally, I believe the independent

1 creation of more accurate maps would allow for
2 more equitable process which would, in turn, lead
3 to better representation for all constituents in
4 McHenry County.

5 We appreciate the House is having a
6 dialogue on the issue and would encourage all
7 parties to work together to develop a realistic
8 sensible timeline for the reapportionment of all
9 districts and the 2022 election timeline.

10 Sincerely, Michael Buehler, Chairman,
11 McHenry County Board."

12 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kathie.

13 We will go to the next, which is
14 Mr. Vijuk.

15 MS. WEGENER: This is Kelli Wegener. I've
16 been texting with him and I think he might be in
17 the waiting room trying to get in.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Staff?

19 STAFF: I have a Beth in the waiting room. I
20 do not have a Beth on the list.

21 MS. WEGENER: Beth is his wife.

22 STAFF: All right, I will let him in then.

23 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Hello? He's
24 connecting. Mr. -- I am going to call you

1 Mr. Michael. Can you hear me? You are up for
2 testimony. Are you ready, Mr. Michael? I don't
3 dare want to say your last name. I don't want
4 to --

5 MR. VIJUK: That's fine. It's pronounced
6 Vijuk, but let's go with Michael.

7 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I am going to
8 ask if you can spell it for the purposes of the
9 court reporter so she has it right and then you
10 can proceed with your presentation.

11 MR. VIJUK: Sure. My first name is Michael,
12 and the last name is spelled V, like Victor,
13 I-J-U-K.

14 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Please continue.

15 MR. VIJUK: Oh, okay. Thank you.

16 I am concerned about the redistricting,
17 as many people are, and I am only speaking on my
18 behalf, I have not been given permission to speak
19 on other people's behalf, so I am only speaking
20 for myself.

21 The material that I had forward to the
22 Committee members is based on information from the
23 U.S. Census Bureau, and so I took an approximate
24 number. And so since I am somewhat of a

1 process-oriented individual, what I tried to do
2 was to provide using the law of the State of
3 Illinois related to redistricting.

4 So given that being the case, what I did
5 was, I tried to then work counterclockwise based
6 on the number of people and the districts. We are
7 currently as a county board looking at
8 redistricting on the county board, so I made three
9 suggestions, one for six districts, one for nine
10 districts, and one for 12 districts.

11 Because of the different choices that we
12 have, I cannot make a decision because that's up
13 to the county board as a collective group.

14 My recommendations to this Committee is
15 to do the following: One, set up an independent
16 group of individuals from each county. We are
17 speaking here in McHenry County. The independent
18 group I just randomly thought of either, A, an
19 academic individual, B, a retired judge of
20 good standing, and a community member who has an
21 interest and some knowledge of redistricting.
22 That number is not necessarily written in stone,
23 but I just picked three. I don't think it would
24 be wise to have a very large group because then it

1 becomes unmanageable and you have subgroups then
2 determining them.

3 The selections of the individuals would
4 come from the county major parties in the county.
5 And so as such, if the political parties choose
6 the same category, for instance, they choose two
7 individuals in the community interest, then we go
8 with that. And so in doing so, the retired judge
9 may be someone that the legal law associations
10 would be able to choose.

11 All the information that -- and
12 deliberations of these three individuals would
13 then be presented in a confidential manner, or
14 would at least debate in a confidential manner,
15 until they would be able to present that to the
16 appropriate party, whoever it is that's chosen.

17 Compensation for the project would be
18 \$500 per person to be paid either by the county
19 and/or by the State of Illinois. Equipment,
20 supplies, and location for the project would be
21 provided by the county. In other words, a meeting
22 room, computers if necessary, staff, if necessary,
23 to write down information, mapping if necessary.
24 Computer programs. Of course, I did not have a

1 computer program, and so I understand from
2 speaking to other people that there are computer
3 programs, as well as experts in this area, that
4 could be used to facilitate the process. I did it
5 manually and the first time around it only took
6 about five hours. So for those of you who have no
7 social life, please give me a call.

8 The majority of votes for the
9 redistricting would then be submitted. So out of
10 three or five people, you can have that.

11 I thank Theresa Meshes, another county
12 board member, for reviewing my suggestions.

13 And I understand that human nature has a
14 tendency to allow people to try to protect what
15 they have currently available. Because of the
16 current nature of the community that I represent,
17 there is somewhat of a fear that it would be
18 self-promoting or self-protection, and so there is
19 some hesitation with that. That's why by having
20 three individuals independent of the group, they
21 could be able to review that.

22 Each political organization would still
23 be involved because they would be involved in the
24 selection process. So as such, they would be able

1 to choose individuals that they think would bring
2 expertise to this meeting.

3 So that would be my testimony related to
4 that. I realize that sometimes districts will
5 overlap, but I would hope that based on current
6 law and expectations of keeping minorities
7 available to have their representation not be
8 diluted is important. I think, also, geographic
9 concerns may be of interest because of the rule
10 versus urban areas.

11 Beyond that, I'm open for questions if
12 the Committee members have any questions to me.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Michael.

14 We will go next to Kelli Wegener. Are
15 you -- will you be presenting?

16 MS. WEGENER: Thank you. My name is Kelli
17 Wegener. Can you hear me?

18 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

19 MS. WEGENER: Okay. Kelli Wegener.

20 K-E-L-L-I. Wegener, W-E-G-E-N-E-R.

21 Thank you for giving me an opportunity to
22 give this testimony this morning. I am a member
23 of the McHenry County Board.

24 I am here today because I want to ensure

1 that there's equal representation of all the
2 various groups in our community and our county.

3 Our county ranges from suburban to very
4 rural. Our population is about \$308,000 -- I am
5 sorry, 308,000 people. While our median income is
6 \$87,000, the county has areas of poverty and needs
7 for public services. We have subsidized housing
8 and people that take transportation. Most of
9 these needs of these populations are taken care of
10 by non-profits. I think it's important that our
11 state and local governments represent them so they
12 have a voice in decisions that will affect their
13 homes, their jobs, their lives, and their
14 families.

15 Our county is comprised of 881 farm --
16 farms, which is about 60 percent of our county's
17 land. Ninety-five percent of these farms are
18 family owned. So currently, most of these farmers
19 are in the same voting district and I hope they
20 can be kept as the same block so their voices can
21 be heard and they are represented.

22 We also have a significant and growing
23 Hispanic population. Most of this population is
24 underserved and is definitely not representative

1 in the municipalities or our local governments.
2 In my opinion, we should keep these populations in
3 the same districts so they can be represented and
4 have a seat at the table when these decisions are
5 being made.

6 There is also a significant portion of
7 our rural population that doesn't have access to
8 internet because it's not cost effective for these
9 internet providers to lay the cable. Many of
10 these are senior citizens.

11 We also have a significant population of
12 senior citizens who live in their homes and are at
13 risk for depression because they don't have any
14 connection to others.

15 The local non-profits provide most of the
16 services for these populations.

17 We have a community college, MCC, which
18 has grown significantly in the past 10 years.
19 It's one of the only two community colleges in
20 Illinois that grew during the pandemic. So to me,
21 this is showing that people are more and more
22 committed to higher education.

23 I also think it's important for us to
24 note that McHenry County has an ICE detention

1 facility. Most of the population in the county
2 doesn't know this, they don't even know it exists.
3 Really, I didn't know it existed until I ran for
4 office. Most of those who know it exists would
5 like to see it closed because of the effects it
6 has on our minority community and overall in our
7 community, but those views are not represented on
8 the county board due to the lack of diversity.

9 The county board is also in the process
10 of redistricting, as Mr. Vijuk said, like they do
11 every 10 years, but this year it is significantly
12 different because our board is being reduced from
13 24 to 18, which means we have to completely change
14 the districts and have many other decisions that
15 are going to result from this change.

16 So I do urge us to work on this quickly
17 so we are not delaying the primaries, or if we do
18 delay the primaries, not -- not too much so we
19 have plenty of time for everybody to know the
20 candidates.

21 I would like to also urge you to add some
22 of these redistricting meetings in the evenings.
23 Those that work during the day can't take time off
24 to give their testimony. I watched one meeting

1 last week where a woman was working at what seemed
2 like a convenience store while she was trying to
3 give her testimony. And I applaud her effort in
4 doing that, it just made it difficult for her and
5 for us to understand her.

6 The state and local representatives,
7 representation from McHenry County is not as
8 diverse as its population, and I want to make sure
9 that all voices are heard no matter what their
10 income, race, religion, sexual preference is, they
11 all should have representation.

12 So I urge you to have sensible and fair
13 maps drawn for every district so all the
14 populations can make their voices heard without
15 being drown out by the majority.

16 With having such a variety of populations
17 ranging from suburban to rural and wealthy to
18 homeless, please keep in mind the diverse and
19 inclusive population that our county has.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kelli.

22 Next we have Kristina Zahorik. Kristina,
23 are you there? I'm not sure if I see her.

24 MS. ZAHORIK: I am. I'm just trying to

1 unmute.

2 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: There you go.

3 MS. ZAHORIK: Thank you. Thank you for
4 holding these hearings. I am Kristina Zahorik.
5 It's K-R-I-S-T-I-N-A. Last name is Z-A-H-O-R-I-K.
6 I am a trustee in the Village of Oakwood Hills
7 here in McHenry County and I also serve in a
8 partisan role.

9 I am advocating today for fair mapping
10 processes with a representative outcome. The
11 process, of course, will be challenging, but
12 creating a representative outcome I think will be
13 easy.

14 The process, of course, is challenging
15 because of the problems that were created by the
16 former president and his delayed and less than
17 accurate census count, as well as those on his
18 side of the aisle wanting to make mischief and
19 manufacture political hits, using misinformation
20 about mapping.

21 This misinformation, coupled with the
22 delayed data, means that the process is much more
23 difficult but only in relationship to the
24 compressed calendar.

1 You have the power to address this
2 problem that you didn't create. Use the best data
3 you have access to and make any adjustments if
4 needed as the new data comes in or move the due
5 date of June 30th which fits in with the Census
6 Bureau moving their reporting dates as well. But
7 again, paying attention to that election calendar
8 I think is really important.

9 You are providing fairness in the
10 process, I would say, by holding these hearings
11 and asking for stakeholder input, the fact that
12 this is, I guess, I think I heard that this was
13 the 17th hearing so far.

14 After hearing from all these
15 stakeholders, obviously the next step is to draw
16 the maps using your best available data. Mapping
17 experts will tell you that there are few rules to
18 follow to drawing a map and there are a myriad of
19 ways in which to do so. Your goal should be to
20 ensure a true representative outcome. And to
21 achieve this, just follow the law which, as you
22 know, means that the outcome of any map must have
23 equal population, be compact and contiguous, and
24 follow the federal Voting Rights Act.

1 Using demographics and voting rights may
2 create districts that don't look like the shapes
3 we would recognize from primary school but that
4 doesn't mean that they are gerrymandered or
5 somehow unfair.

6 So draw the maps that represent the
7 people you serve, which are the outcome of a fair
8 process.

9 And that's really all I had to say about
10 the Illinois State remapping. Thanks.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kristina.

12 And last on this panel we have
13 Dr. Gabbard. Are you -- I don't see him.
14 Dr. Gabbard? Okay.

15 Leader Butler, I don't see him, so this
16 really concludes -- if he comes on -- if he shows
17 up, we will let him speak a little bit later but
18 maybe we should just go on and start with
19 questions.

20 LEADER BUTLER: That would be great.

21 Miss Zahorik, are you familiar with the
22 Community -- excuse me, American Community Survey
23 data?

24 MS. ZAHORIK: I am not.

1 LEADER BUTLER: Okay. So what you are
2 referring to in your testimony, using the best
3 data available, which I don't know if you wrote
4 that statement or if someone wrote it for you,
5 that would be using, per your statement, American
6 Community Survey data. If we are following that
7 and using ACS data, you conflict with the
8 testimony of a few people here today, including
9 Miss Wegener, I believe, about trying to
10 accurately represent minority populations in the
11 State of Illinois.

12 Yes, we've had 16 or 17 of these
13 hearings. And at multiples times experts have
14 testified to the fact that ACS data undercounts
15 not only minority populations, but undercounts
16 populations from communities of under 65,000
17 people.

18 So there is real concerns with your
19 testimony using the best available data to go
20 forward.

21 You mentioned that you are in a partisan
22 role. You are the -- you are the president of the
23 Illinois County -- Democratic County Chairman's
24 Association; is that correct?

1 MS. ZAHORIK: Chair Association, yes.

2 LEADER BUTLER: So I have -- I didn't even
3 know you were going to testify today. I honestly
4 didn't. I didn't see the list until it was sent
5 to me five minutes before.

6 But what I do have on hand, because
7 people have sent it to me, is e-mails from you,
8 from you as Chair of the County Chairman's
9 Association, fundraising appeals for the County
10 Chairman's Association talking about learning how
11 to stop republican gerrymandering in Illinois.
12 "Illinois voters should choose our elected
13 officials, not the other way around."

14 Do you believe that the Illinois
15 legislature should use a commission to draw maps
16 or should we draw them at a partisan manner based
17 off who's in the majority?

18 MS. ZAHORIK: I think that you should follow
19 the law and I think that -- I think that you
20 should draw them based on an outcome that is
21 representative of who is in the district.

22 LEADER BUTLER: Do you think that will be
23 using the power of the majority to stop
24 gerrymandering? I am reading from your e-mail

1 here that says, "This program," your fundraising
2 appeal, it says, "This program will allow us to
3 use our power," which means the Democrat
4 Association, "to stop the GOP gerrymandering."
5 It's not your power. It's the people's power.

6 This Committee -- I am glad we are in
7 McHenry County today, because in 2016 Jack Franks,
8 who was then in the Illinois House of
9 Representatives, who went on to become County
10 Board Chairman in McHenry County, who was just
11 opposed recently, Jack Franks offered a
12 constitutional amendment on the floor of the
13 Illinois House of Representatives to set up a
14 commission form of redistricting, something that
15 many of us have advocated for and something in
16 reading your e-mail seems like something that you
17 advocate for. That received 105 votes, including
18 every single member of this Committee, every
19 single member of this Committee that was in the
20 House of Representatives at the time, a majority
21 of this Committee and a majority of people that
22 are still in the legislature.

23 I think it's rich that you are on here
24 today with your testimony when I have these

1 e-mails that literally you just sent within the
2 past few days trying to get money and stop
3 partisan gerrymandering by Republicans in
4 Illinois.

5 Yeah, I know districts don't look like
6 primary school shapes, but that doesn't mean
7 they're not gerrymandered. They are. They've
8 been gerrymandered politically.

9 We have an opportunity -- if you really
10 want fair maps, if you really do, we've had an
11 opportunity over the last few years to try to get
12 something on the ballot, which was defeated by
13 Mike Madigan's attorney, that's who it was
14 defeated by, in a 4-3 Supreme Court by Justice Tom
15 Kilbride, who wrote the opinion, who was largely
16 elected with the money of Mike Madigan, to draw
17 Mike Madigan's maps this last time.

18 So the reason McHenry County is divided
19 up and you don't have the representation like you
20 do, as some of you have testified to, is because
21 the Democrats drew the map the last time around.

22 And you are Chair of the County Chair
23 Association. So maybe you should talk to your
24 Democratic colleagues about using a commission

1 format and getting it out of the hands of the
2 legislature like so many of us support.

3 I honestly can't believe that you are
4 here testifying today. I really can't. Yes, you
5 are in a partisan role. I just find it -- again,
6 I find it astounding that you want to advocate for
7 fair maps but what you really want is a partisan
8 process.

9 MS. ZAHORIK: Excuse me, just to respond.
10 Again, I am advocating for a fair mapping process
11 with a representative outcome.

12 LEADER BUTLER: What does that mean? What
13 does that mean? Tell me what that means. How
14 does that work?

15 MS. ZAHORIK: Well, what that means is,
16 obviously, right today, one of the -- the 17th
17 hearing that you are holding, listening to the
18 input from your constituencies throughout the
19 State of Illinois, that's part of the fair
20 process.

21 The second part of that is making sure
22 you have a representative outcome, ensuring that
23 the maps as they are drawn are representative of
24 the districts and the people and the communities

1 that live in them.

2 LEADER BUTLER: So we had -- we had a hearing
3 a few days ago that was literally right next door,
4 which Mr. Glover in his wonderful presentation
5 with maps, we talked about West Dundee and
6 Carpentersville, and things like that. So you
7 had -- you had a hearing right next door there
8 just a few days ago.

9 There are two hearings, two hearings,
10 scheduled for south of Interstate 72. Two.

11 Now, the people from the Chicagoland area
12 and the metropolitan area and the surrounding
13 counties have had multiple hearings. People from
14 Southern Illinois, guess what, one of them is at
15 11:00 a.m. Sunday in East St. Louis and the other
16 one is in Carbondale. The people in Western,
17 Illinois literally have had no hearings. None.
18 Macomb. Galesburg. Quincy. None. The people in
19 the northwestern part of the state from basically,
20 I would say, the Fox River Valley, if you want to
21 put that broadly, north of I-80, had one hearing
22 in Rockford. That's it.

23 So it's not representative. I get it.
24 We are having 23 hearings and you get to pat

1 yourselves on the back for having all these
2 hearings. But there's wide slots of this state
3 that aren't represented. And, by the way, a lot
4 of them are represented by those Republican county
5 boards that you're trying to raise money to
6 defeat.

7 So, Madam Chair, I am sorry, I usually
8 don't get cranky but, you know, I think it's a
9 little ridiculous with your testimony,
10 Miss Zahorik.

11 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Leader Butler, we are
12 going to move on. We have two others who want to
13 be recognized and then we have the second panel.
14 So thank you.

15 Representative Reick.

16 REPRESENTATIVE REICK: Thank you,
17 Madam Chairman.

18 I am going to echo what Leader Butler
19 just said is the fact that, Miss Zahorik, if you
20 don't understand what the ACS is, you shouldn't
21 have advocated for it as a means by which we do
22 redistricting in Illinois. You have an obligation
23 to understand what it is you are talking about
24 before you get onboard and tell us how to do this.

1 I think it's also important to understand
2 the fact that the state constitution provides for
3 a means by which there shall be districts drawn.
4 It provides for, in fact, a commission if by
5 June 30th we are not able to come to a legislative
6 understanding of what the map is going to be, we
7 are in a position to have a commission that's
8 appointed by -- that's appointed with four members
9 from the legislature, four non-legislative
10 members, and a ninth member can be chosen by a
11 draw in order to break a tie in that thing. It
12 also provides that there are going to be the
13 ability to do court challenges.

14 But the Supreme Court is not in a
15 position -- the Supreme Court is not in a position
16 to overturn what the constitution tells us is the
17 process by which we determine these maps.

18 So to say that we should be going to the
19 ACS or some other form of data to indicate what
20 our maps should look like is nothing more than an
21 attempt, I believe, on behalf of the majority
22 that's running this show, to avoid the possibility
23 of getting a 50-50 draw and losing it at the very
24 end of the process. The process is plain.

1 And how many times -- when the
2 constitution was passed in 1969, I believe, I
3 think we've been in court four -- three or four
4 times already on the fact that we haven't been
5 able to draw the maps by June 30th. There's a
6 process in place. We should abide by that process
7 and not try to change the means by which we count
8 people in this country or in these districts
9 simply because it's inconvenient to not have the
10 census data available at the time.

11 You know, ascribing fault based upon the
12 previous administration doesn't add anything to
13 this entire conversation as to how we are going to
14 move forward here. It's partisan, it's reg, and
15 it has no place in this conversation.

16 That's all -- that's really all I have to
17 say. Thank you very much.

18 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Representative Ness,
19 you're next.

20 REPRESENTATIVE NESS: Thank you,
21 Leader Hernandez.

22 I wanted to say -- first of all, thank
23 you for the witnesses that came on to speak to
24 today on behalf of McHenry County.

1 The purpose of these hearings is to hear
2 from everyone, every voice. Regardless of what
3 anyone thinks is the intention behind that, having
4 people at the table who have the courage to speak
5 up, come on to these hearings, that -- that alone
6 deserves our respect. So I appreciate everybody
7 who has spoken here today.

8 I wasn't here 10 years ago. I wasn't
9 here four years ago. So some of what we are
10 hearing doesn't pertain to me. I know what my
11 community looks like. I know the communities in
12 my district and the surrounding districts. I've
13 lived in McHenry County a long time. I concur
14 with a lot of what I heard today on witness
15 testimony.

16 And while some people might want to
17 ignore the fact, the reason that we don't have the
18 accurate census data in the manner and time we
19 were supposed to have it is because of the former
20 administration. That cannot be ignored.

21 So even if we get that data, I know that
22 there were populations in McHenry County that did
23 not feel safe answering the data because of the
24 way that process was administered on a national

1 level.

2 So I am going to push back a little bit
3 on some of what I've heard here to say that the
4 best data and the best information we have is what
5 we're doing right here, talking about our
6 communities.

7 We know our districts, we know our
8 communities, at least we should if we've been
9 elected to these roles, and I want to keep the
10 focus on that.

11 So I applaud the Committee for holding
12 these hearings and thank you for those of you that
13 showed up.

14 Thank you, Board Member Wegener, for your
15 suggestion about some evening meetings. I think
16 that's a great suggestion because there are people
17 that can't participate as a result of having to
18 work.

19 But I just want to add my piece to say,
20 you know, thank you for this and thank you for
21 taking the time to do this. That's all I have to
22 say. Thanks.

23 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Representative Spain.

24 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you,

1 Madam Chairman -- Chairwoman. This has been a
2 really fascinating session. So I thank you for
3 having so many of these meetings.

4 I need to take strong disagreement with
5 the new representative from McHenry County because
6 the position that was just articulated is exactly
7 the problem in the State of Illinois. We cannot
8 rely on existing members of the legislature to say
9 we know best and we can craft our own boundaries
10 and districts so that we will, in effect, choose
11 our own voters.

12 So to say that we are going to rely on
13 our own individual expertise as legislatures is
14 part of the problem that has delivered us into the
15 amazing challenge that we see ourselves in
16 Illinois right now.

17 And the representative was not in the
18 legislature when the rest of us invested more than
19 \$30 million in census out recheck to be placing
20 Illinois at the very top of the list in the
21 country, that we did on a bipartisan basis to make
22 sure that we could have the very best, the most
23 accurate, the most inclusive count that we've ever
24 seen in the census before. So I strongly disagree

1 with those remarks.

2 But I do have a question for
3 Chairman Zahorik. I just want to pull this up.

4 Madam Chairman, I just want to
5 understand, is it still your position or the
6 position of the Democratic County Chairs'
7 Association, the very first line of your
8 fundraising e-mail "Illinois voters should choose
9 our elected officials, not the other way around."
10 Do you still agree with that statement?

11 MS. ZAHORIK: I am not here representing the
12 Illinois Democratic County Chairs' Association,
13 just to be clear.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: That wasn't my
15 question.

16 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Representative Spain, I
17 am going to ask that this is not about really --
18 we do want to hear input, I do see the role of
19 Miss Zahorik, that I would ask if we can stick to
20 the input of community and not really veer off
21 into the fundraising aspects of this.

22 You have shown -- I think you made your
23 point, but I don't want to lose our -- you know,
24 our -- you know, where we are trying to focus on,

1 and that's input from the community. So I ask if
2 we can just remain in that and respect that.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Madam Chair, I have
4 deep respect for you and appreciate that's what
5 you are trying to do.

6 I would say as well how stunned I am,
7 even in the State of Illinois, for the testimony
8 of the Democratic County Chairs' chairman today,
9 especially with the hypocrisy that I've just shown
10 of what the county chairs have used for
11 fundraising appeals, making the case that so many
12 of us have said that one of the fundamental
13 problems in Illinois is that we allow our
14 incumbent politicians to draw our own legislative
15 district.

16 Thank you.

17 MS. ZAHORIK: I would just like to say that I
18 don't think that that is an incongruent statement.
19 I believe again that I am still advocating for a
20 fair mapping process as well as a representative
21 outcome, and that I believe that those that are
22 currently serving in the legislature have the
23 ability to make that happen. The difficulty
24 comes, in my opinion, with the timeline.

1 REPRESENTATIVE SPAIN: Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

3 LEADER BUTLER: Madam Chair, can I -- can I
4 just follow up with that just real quick because
5 it has been mentioned by a couple of people about
6 the Trump administration and the census.

7 You know, the Trump administration back
8 in August of '20 went back to the original
9 schedule and I believe it was the Democrats who
10 went to court to extend the deadlines to try to
11 get everyone counted.

12 So we are in a situation here today with
13 not having the decennial census data come out
14 until maybe August, maybe September that we can
15 use it. It seems to me that's a bipartisan way.

16 The Trump administration tried to get
17 back on the original schedule. The Democrats went
18 to court to change it. That's what happened. We
19 are where we are. And the constitution has, said
20 by Representative Reick, the constitution has a
21 process that is available to Illinois to use if
22 for whatever reasons -- whatever reasons we are
23 not able to meet the June 30th deadline of the
24 legislature. The constitution has that in it

1 because the constitution anticipated problems. We
2 have the ability to use that commission in the
3 constitution if we would like to use the actual
4 decennial census data and not rely on basically a
5 poll to put our maps together.

6 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. With that, we
7 will end the second panel and we are going to
8 move -- I am sorry, the first panel, we are going
9 to move to the second panel.

10 We are going to start with
11 Dr. Brian Sager, he's the mayor of Woodstock.

12 Dr. Sager, are you on? Dr. Sager? I
13 don't see him.

14 Next in line I have Miss Magdalena Rivera
15 from the Illinois Migrant Council. Is she on?
16 Magdalena Rivera?

17 I'm going to ask staff, is anybody
18 sitting on the -- in the waiting room that you may
19 see?

20 STAFF: There's nobody in the waiting room.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: All right. So next we
22 have, then, we will move on to Miss Lori Klatt.
23 Am I saying that correctly?

24 MS. KLATT: Yes.

1 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: You may proceed, Lori.

2 MS. KLATT: Lori, L-O-R-I, Klatt, K-L-A-T-T.

3 I live in Aurora and I was able to work
4 out the time to attend this meeting. So I thank
5 you for hearing my input.

6 And I wanted to encourage, as several
7 people have on both sides, to have our districts
8 drawn in a way that does represent the common
9 value and the shared value of the experience of
10 the community members, perhaps getting all of the
11 districts in McHenry, or in my case in Aurora,
12 together gives us a better chance to represent the
13 shared and common values, and I wanted to put that
14 input in just to say that I live on the west side
15 and I've been alternately moved, our district has
16 been moved in and out of the general population,
17 or the further east population of Aurora, and has
18 been placed with things to the west of us where we
19 don't necessarily line up the same way. So that
20 was what I wanted to say today.

21 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Miss Klatt.

22 Next we have Mr. T.J. Clark. T.J. Clark?

23 Hmm. Going once, twice. All right.

24 I am going to -- well, Leader Butler, it

1 doesn't look like we -- we missed three. There's
2 actually a total of four witnesses that really
3 didn't come in. So that really concludes the
4 witnesses testifying today.

5 So is there any further questions?

6 LEADER BUTLER: I just want to say to
7 Miss Klatt, I'm glad she's on, I look forward to
8 being in Aurora this evening for the four o'clock
9 in-person hearing in Aurora. So I'll be driving
10 up from Springfield shortly to go to that.

11 Madam Chair, I just -- we've had several
12 questions that we've asked over these hearings to
13 you and the staff about additional hearings for --
14 after the maps are unveiled, where is the
15 testimony going to be archived on the website that
16 you guys mention in all the hearings? How are
17 people going to draw maps? It's been stated that
18 those are going to be publicly available. I don't
19 know if anyone has drawn a map on the website yet.
20 So as of yet, we haven't had any responses back to
21 those.

22 So I don't know if you are planning to be
23 in Aurora this evening, but I would appreciate if
24 we can start getting some answers to those

1 questions because we are winding down on these
2 hearings, and we've asked multiple questions at
3 these hearings and we have yet to get any response
4 from the majority on anything. So if we can get
5 those answers, I would appreciate it.

6 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, absolutely. I'm
7 anxious, too. I think I did mention to you I have
8 put in the inquiry of that and it is being worked
9 on. I think they're just trying to work it out,
10 Leader Butler. But, yes, I will press on it
11 again.

12 LEADER BUTLER: Okay. I appreciate it.

13 CHAIRWOMAN HERNANDEZ: All right. Before we
14 close, I just wanted to just remind the public,
15 although we do have 23 hearings that we have set
16 up, we are doing it differently than 10 years ago.
17 I will say I was around the map last time around,
18 and what I can tell you what is different is the
19 kind of engagement and opportunity the public has
20 to be part of these hearings.

21 So I really press and encourage, to the
22 most extent, to participate. The ability to be
23 able through online hearings, you can be anywhere.
24 So it really does give an opportunity for the

1 public to be involved much more. And so I want to
2 just press upon that, encourage, and the hope is
3 maybe we can add a few more hearings, but please
4 take advantage.

5 I know I got a call from a constituent
6 that couldn't make it to the hearing. Can I go to
7 the McHenry hearing, or the Champaign hearing?
8 I'm like, absolutely. Absolutely.

9 So what I am trying to say is you are not
10 set for only one area. You can be in any of them
11 or all of them if you'd like. So I encourage, I
12 press upon all individuals, all citizens, all
13 those in Illinois who have an interest in their
14 community are encouraged to participate.

15 So with that, I will end the Committee.
16 So with no further witness to testify, we will
17 recess to the call of the Chair.

18 So everybody have a great day.

19 Thank you.

20 (The Redistricting-McHenry Committee
21 Meeting concluded at 11:08 a.m.)

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